Private investment in heavy industries

1652. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified such Heavy Industries wherein the private sector investment is likely to be allowed in the near future;

(b) whether any of industries are located in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds likely to be invested by the private sector therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Under the liberalized Industrial Policy regime, Private Sector investment is allowed in almost all sectors of the industrial activities except for certain specified sectors where prior Government approval is required.

(b) to (d) The choice of the location of industries and the investment in the Project concerned is a matter of techno-economic assessment of the entrepreneur/promoter.

State Government of Andhra Pradesh have identified certain sectors like Hi-tech manufacturing, Textile, Pharma, Biotech, Food Processing as thrust sectors based on the resources. So far 3182 proposals with industrial investment proposal of Rs. 47,919 crore have been established in the State.

Strategies adopted at Valetta, Malta to protect farmers' interests

1653. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that in most of the developing Commonwealth countries including India over 60 per cent of the people depend on agriculture for their livelihood, a strategy was evolved at the recent meeting of the Commonwealth countries at Valetta in Malta, to provide for livelihood security for the farmers by removing distortions in international trade rules under WTO regime, which are created by developed countries through huge domestic support and export subsidies to protect their farmers;